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In re Application of
Joseph A. Zierolf
Application No. 09/286,650
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5), filed October 27, 2000, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee. See 1233 *Official Gazette* 54 (April 11, 2000).

The petition is GRANTED.

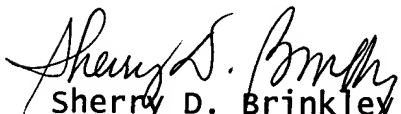
Petitioner requests that the application be withdrawn from issue to permit abandonment for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

The application is withdrawn from issue.

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on July 26, 2000, in the parent application is not refundable nor can it be applied towards any new Notice of Allowance which may issue on the CPA filed October 27, 2000.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for processing of the CPA.


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